

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-14 and 29-32 is gratefully acknowledged. The statement by the Examiner that claims 17, 21-23, 25, 27 and 28 contain allowable subject matter is also gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 17, 18, 21, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 15, 16, 20, 22, 24 and 26 have been canceled. Claims 1-14, 17-19, 21, 23, 25 and 27-32 remain pending in the application, of which claims 1-14 and 29-32 have been allowed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 15, 16, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Carroll. Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pain. Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pain in view of Guerrieri. Claim 24 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pain. Claims 17, 21-23, 25, and 27-28 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. The rejections and objection are respectfully traversed.

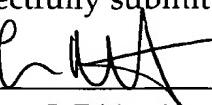
Claims 17, 21, 25, 27 and 28 have been written in independent form including the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims pursuant to the Examiner's recommendation. As such, claims 17, 21, 25, 27 and 28 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Claim 18 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Claims 19 and 23 depend from claim 18 and are allowable along with claim 18 for at least the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Claims 15, 16, 20, 22, 24 and 26 have been canceled to further the prosecution of the application and since their limitations have been incorporated into the amended claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections and objection should be withdrawn and that claims 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27-28 allowed.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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